

REMARKS

This communication is in response to the Office Action mailed on December 13, 2004. The Office Action reports that claims 4, 10, 16, 18 and 23 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. With this amendment, claim 4 has been amended to include the features previously recited in claims 1-3, claim 10 has been amended to include the features previously recited in claims 1-3, 5, 6 and 7, claim 16 has been amended to include the features previously recited in claims 11-15, claim 17 has been amended to include the feature in allowed dependent claim 18, and claim 23 has been amended to include the features previously recited in claims 17, 19-22. In addition, dependent claims 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9 have been amended to depend from allowable claim 4, while claim 18 has been amended to depend from allowable claim 23.

The Director is authorized to charge any fee deficiency required by this paper or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-1123.

Respectfully submitted,

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